

1 1. An information system, comprising:
2 a controller, for generating an image representative signal adapted for
3 use by a display device;
4 a broadcast interface, for applying broadcast information to a
5 controller; and
6 an interactive information interface, for applying interactive
7 information to said controller;
8 said controller including said broadcast information, said interactive
9 information and a user selectable element in said image representative signal
10 such that corresponding presented imagery includes an interactive portion, a
11 broadcast portion and a user selectable element.

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13 2. The information system of claim 1, wherein:
14 said user selectable element comprises a hyperlink having associated
15 with it an object;
16 said interactive information interface, in response to a selection of said
17 hyperlink, includes said object associated with said hyperlink within said
18 interactive information.

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20 3. The information system of claim 1, further comprising:
21 an input device for selecting said user selectable element, said input
22 element comprising at least one of a keypad, a pointing device and a
23 graphical user interface.

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25 4. The information system of claim 1, further comprising:
26 data memory for storing a user preference.

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28 5. The information system of claim 1, wherein:
29 said interactive information interface comprises a network access
30 device.

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- 2 6. The information system of claim 5, wherein:
3 said internet access device includes a web modem.
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- 5 7. The information system of claim 1, wherein:
6 said interactive portion of said imagery comprises objects retrieved
7 from a network and displayed in a first image panel; and
8 said broadcast portion of said imagery comprises broadcast video
9 imagery displayed in a second image panel.
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- 11 8. The information system of claim 7, wherein:
12 said first panel is at least partially transparent and overlaps said
13 second panel.
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- 15 9. The information system of claim 1, wherein:
16 said user selectable element includes a control button for selecting a
17 preference, said preference being used to determine how said broadcast
18 information is presented in relationship to said interactive information.
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- 20 10. The information system of claim 1 wherein said first image panel is
21 used to display web content.
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- 23 11. The information system of claim 4, wherein:
24 said user preference stored in said data memory is accessible to at
25 least a networked server to which the preference relates.
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- 27 12. The information system of claim 1, wherein:
28 said interactive information interface retrieving information from a
29 network in response to the reception of broadcast information conforming to a
30 user preference.

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2 13. The information system of claim 12, wherein:
3 said retrieved information is displayed in said first image panel.

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5 14. The information system of claim 12, further comprising:
6 data memory for storing a user preference, said user preference being
7 stored in said memory by a web site interacting with said interactive
8 information interface.

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10 15. The information system of claim 12, further comprising:
11 data memory for storing a user preference, said user preference being
12 stored in said memory in response to user interaction via said user selectable
13 element.

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15 16. A method of displaying information comprising:
16 initializing a display system;
17 receiving selected web content;
18 receiving broadcast content;
19 receiving personalized indicia;
20 formatting received web content, received broadcast content, and
21 received personalized indicia into video information; and
22 displaying video information to simultaneously produce interactive
23 information having a user selectable element and a television broadcast.

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25 17. A method according to claim 16 further including identifying
26 personalized indicia within at least one of the displayed video information
27 and an out-of-band portion of a television signal.

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29 18. A method according to claim 17 further including retrieving
30 personalized information based on the personalized indicia.

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2 19. A method according to claim 16 wherein the personalized indicia is a
3 web browser cookie.

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5 20. A method according to claim 15 further including retrieving
6 preferences and formatting the received selected web content and received
7 broadcast content based on those preferences.